

CLAIMS

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is as follows:

1. A method for building automatically performance models for an Information Technology system having a first number of servers and carrying out a second number of types of transactions, the method comprising:
receiving performance data of the system;
receiving data of transaction flows and system topology; and
inferring service demand parameters based on the received data.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving performance data comprises receiving end-to-end response times of transactions carried out by the system or response times of transactions at the servers composing the system.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving performance data comprises receiving server load information.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving performance data comprises receiving system throughput measurements.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a transaction flow comprises receiving at least one modeled queue corresponding to at least one component of the system.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of inferring service demand parameters comprises inferring service times of transactions handled by said servers.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of inferring service demand parameters comprises:
 - deriving equations for the performance data;
 - solving the equations to find at least one value corresponding to service time for a transaction handled by a server; and
 - selecting an optimum value of service time.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the step of selecting an optimum value comprises:
 - computing performance data for the transaction flow model using each of said values;
 - comparing the computed performance data with the received performance data;
 - and
 - selecting the value of service time corresponding to the computed performance being closest to the measured performance data.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of inferring service demand parameters comprises:
 - creating a stochastic model of the system;
 - obtaining from the stochastic model at least one value corresponding to service time for a transaction handled by a server; and
 - searching for an optimum value of service time.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein the searching step comprises applying a meta-heuristic search to the stochastic model of the system.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein the searching step comprises applying an annealing algorithm to the stochastic model of the system.
12. A computer readable medium containing a computer executable code that when read by a computer causes the computer to perform a method for modeling the performance of an Information Technology system having a first number of servers and carrying out a second number of types of transactions, the method comprising:
 - receiving performance data of the system;
 - receiving data of transaction flows and of the system topology; and
 - inferring service demand parameters based on the received.
13. The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the step of receiving performance data comprises receiving response times of transactions at the servers or end-to-end response times of the transactions carried out by the system.
14. The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the step of receiving performance data comprises receiving server load information.
15. The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the step of receiving performance data comprises receiving system throughput measurements.
16. The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the step of receiving a transaction flow comprises receiving at least one modeled queue corresponding to at least one component of the system.
17. The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the step of inferring service demand parameters comprises inferring service times of transactions handled by said servers.

18. The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the step of inferring service demand parameters comprises:
- deriving equations for the performance data;
 - solving the equations to find at least one value corresponding to service time for a transaction handled by a server; and
 - selecting an optimum value of service time.
19. The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein the step of selecting an optimum value comprises:
- computing performance data for the transaction flow model using each of said values;
 - comparing the computed performance data with the received performance data;
 - and
 - selecting the value of service time corresponding to the computed performance being closest to the measured performance data.
20. The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the step of inferring service demand parameters comprises:
- creating a stochastic model of the system;
 - obtaining from the stochastic model at least one value corresponding to service time for a transaction handled by a server; and
 - searching for an optimum value of service time.
21. The computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein the searching step comprises applying a meta-heuristic search to the stochastic model of the system.

22. The computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein the searching step comprises applying an annealing algorithm to the stochastic model of the system.